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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>4, 9-21, 25 and 26</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-3, 5-8 and 22-24</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>19 and 25</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-18, 20-24 and 26</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-26</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

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V. 2. Citations and Explanations:

Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 22-24 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Ghoshal et al. ('861)

Regarding claims 1-3 and 5-8, Ghoshal et al. ('861) disclose:

a pathway (703 - conduit) for transport of a liquid metal thermal transfer fluid, the pathway including a portion in close thermal communication with the high power density device (see col. 8, lines 42-47);
at least one electromagnetic pump (707 - electromagnetic pump) for motivating flow of the liquid metal thermal transfer fluid through the liquid metal thermal transfer pathway away from and back to the high power density device (see col. 8, lines 46-49; Figure 7);
wherein the high power density device is located in a folding device (see col. 9, lines 24-34);
wherein at least a portion of the liquid metal thermal transfer pathway traverses a bend in the folding device (see col. 9, lines 24-34);
wherein the bend traversing portion of the liquid metal thermal transfer pathway includes a flexible conduit (see col. 9, lines 24-34);
wherein the bend traversing portion of the liquid metal thermal transfer pathway includes a hinge that defines an integrated conduit therethrough (see col. 4, lines 59-65; col. 9, lines 24-34);
the liquid metal thermal transfer fluid (see col. 8, lines 43-47);
wherein the pathway portion in close thermal communication with the high power density device includes a solid-fluid heat exchanger (701 - solid-fluid heat exchanger; Figure 7);
wherein the pathway portion in close thermal communication with the high power density device includes a liquid metal chamber (705 - fluid-fluid heat exchanger) that allows direct thermal contact between the high power density device and the liquid metal (as seen in Figure 7);
a heat sink (719 - heat sink) separated from the high power density device by a heat transfer path (717 - conduit) that includes the bend traversing portion of the liquid metal thermal transfer pathway (as seen in Figure 7).

Regarding claims 22-24, Goshal et al. disclose a method comprising:

transferring heat from the high power density device to a liquid metal thermal transfer fluid (see col. 8, line 42 - col. 9, line 5);
motivating flow of the liquid metal thermal transfer fluid away from and back to the high power density device in a closed cycle fluid pathway (703 - conduit; col. 8, line 42 - col. 9, line 5; Figure 7) that traverses a bend in a folding device (see col. 9, lines 24-34);
wherein the bend traversing portion of the closed cycle fluid pathway includes a flexible conduit portion (see col. 9, lines 24-34);
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Claims 4, 9-21 and 26 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Ghoshal et al. ('861).

Regarding claim 4, Ghoshal et al. ('861) disclose:

a pipe (703 - conduit);
a heat exchanger (701, 705 - solid-fluid heat exchanger, fluid-fluid heat exchanger) coupled to transfer heat between the liquid metal thermal transfer fluid and the pipe (see col. 8, lines 43 - col. 9, line 5; Figure 7).

Regarding claims 9-15, Ghoshal et al. ('861) disclose:

a pathway (as seen in Figure 7) for transport of a liquid metal thermal transfer fluid, the pathway including a portion in close thermal communication with a pipe (703 - conduit);
at least one electromagnetic pump (707 - electromagnetic pump) for motivating flow of the liquid metal thermal transfer fluid through the pathway away from and back to the pipe (see col. 8, line 43 - col. 9, line 5; Figure 7);
wherein the pathway for transport of the liquid metal thermal transfer fluid and the pipe together define a heat transfer path away from the high power density device (see col. 8, line 43 - col. 9, line 5; Figure 7);
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wherein the liquid metal thermal transfer pathway includes a portion in close thermal communication with the high power density device (see col. 8, lines 43-47; Figure 7);
wherein at least a portion of the liquid metal thermal transfer pathway is formed using a flexible conduit (see col. 9, lines 24-34);
the liquid metal thermal transfer fluid (see col. 8, lines 43-47).

Regarding claims 16-21, Ghoshal et al. ('861) disclose a method comprising:

transferring heat from the high power density device to a liquid metal thermal transfer fluid (see col. 8, line 62 - col. 9, line 5);
motivating flow (707 - electromagnetic pump) of the liquid metal thermal transfer fluid away from and back to the high power density device in a closed cycle fluid pathway (703 - conduit) (see col. 8, line 43 - col. 9, line 5; Figure 7);
transferring heat from the liquid metal thermal transfer fluid flow to a pipe (see col. 8, line 62 - col. 9, line 5);
transporting the liquid metal thermal transfer fluid through a flexible conduit portion of the closed cycle fluid pathway (see col. 9, lines 24-34);
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Regarding claim 26, Ghoshal et al. ('861) disclose a method comprising:

transferring heat from the liquid metal thermal transfer fluid flow to a pipe (see col. 8, line 43 - col. 9, line 5).

Ghoshal et al. ('861) do not expressly disclose:
a heat pipe.

Ghoshal et al. ('861) further teach that it is well known in the art that heat pipes are used to extract heat from high power density devices dissipate the heat at another location (see col. 1, lines 54 - col. 2, line 5). Ghoshal et al. ('861) further disclose forced fluid cooling is an attractive option to cooling HPDDs. Further disclosed is that by circulating the forced fluid through the HPDD, the heat from the HPDD is carried away and dissipated at a sink placed at a distance (see col. 2, lines 21-36).

Regarding claims 4, 9 and 16, in view of this teaching, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the system of Ghoshal et al. ('861) with the claimed heat pipe, in cooperation with the existing electromagnetic pump, as a means of transferring heat away from the high power density device (HPDD) because the heat pipe would allow for effective removal of the excessive temperature buildup that is generated by HPDDs through a means of forced fluid flow, thus decreasing the number of malfunctions, breakdowns and problems associated with interface resistance that occur in HPDDs.

Claims 19 and 25 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest increasing and decreasing the bend of the pathway that the liquid metal flowing through.

Claims 1-26 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus have industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.

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